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hypodermic syringe or needle to a person and the practitioner is reasonably...should know that that needle or syringe will be used to inject a controlled substance, then the practitioner can be found guilty of a Class II misdemeanor for distributing drug paraphernalia. Now that...that sounds kind of ridiculous but that's the way the statutes are at this time. By making this change, we would allow a pharmacist and other practitioners to get both clean supplies and effective advice on Class IV drug users and steroid abusers to prevent the spread of infectious diseases without violating the statutes. And another thing, if the practitioner is allowed to ask the person's plans to use the syringe for an illicit purpose and then was able to offer some safety advice in that situation as well as rehabilitation options, our community would be helped in a way that would not otherwise be possible. And unless an abuser seeks help from his or her own initiative, a pharmacist is often the only healthcare professional that...that they would ever have an opportunity to offer any help. And that's just the way it is, folks, and I think this is...this new section is very important for a public policy in the state of Nebraska and I believe that it is a public health bill and that we would get...it would get help to those who need it the most while reducing the spread of disease in our society. With that, I thank you, Senator Jensen and Senator Suttle, and I would support the committee amendments wholeheartedly.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Jensen, you're recognized on the committee amendments.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to comment and we will investigate this language a little more, Senator Hilgert. However, that...that is the language that's in the current law. The only thing we're changing is from physician to practitioner. We're just changing a definition. But in light of what we've done with our driving laws, it should be looked into and we'll do that before Select File. With that, thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Jensen, there are no further lights on for discussion. Did you wish to close on the committee amendments?